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1. OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT THE CHANCES ARE REASONABLY GOOD THAT SOME SORT OF T&T REPRESENTATION FOR THE SUPER BOWL WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE AND WOULD BE USEFUL IN THE BROAD CONTEXT OF US-T&T RELATIONS.

2. WITHOUT DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT CLARKE OR HIS STAFF, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR ESTIMATING THE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE SUPER BOWL. HOWEVER, SINCE CLARKE IS AN AVID SPORTSMAN AND SERVED AS T&T AMBASSADOR TO THE US, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS AT LEAST THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING.

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3. T&T HAS A NUMBER OF PAST AND PRESENT WORLD-CLASS ATHLETES WHO COULD BE INVITED. OLYPMIC MEDALISTS IN TRACK AND FIELD HASELY CRAWFORD (1976) AND WENDELL MOTTLEY (1964) ARE TWO EXAMPLES BUT THE LIST CAN BE EXPANDED. ASIDE FROM THE CRICKETEERS, MOST TOP T&T ATHLETES HAVE EITHER TRAINED AND/OR PERFORMED IN THE US AND PRESUMABLY ARE WELL KNOWN IN US SPORTS CIRCLES.

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4. WHILE IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE OR DESIRABLE TO GET COSTUMED CARNIVAL GROUPS FROM T&T (CARNIVAL FALLS IN EARLY MARCH 1979 AND COSTUMES WILL BE FAR FROM READY BY JANUARY), THERE ARE SEVERAL EXCELLENT STEEL BANDS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE FOR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION. MOST STEEL BANDS HERE ARE SPONSORED BY COMPANIES, SOME OF WHICH (SUCH AT TESORA PETROLEUM CO.) MIGHT BE WILLING TO HELP WITH INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT COSTS FOR THE PUBLIC RELATIONS VALUE OF THE BANDS' PARTICIPATION MIGHT HAVE.

5. THE REIGNING MISS UNIVERSE, JANELLE "PENNY" COMMISSIONG, WILL HAVE GIVEN UP HER TITLE BY SUPER BOWL TIME, BUT SHE WOULD BE A GRACIOUS AND DECORATIVE ADDITION TO THE FESTIVITIES. MOREOVER, THE ORGANIZERS MAY WANT TO CONSIDER INVITING A LEADING CALYPSONIAN OR TWO, SEVERAL OF WHOM, SUCH AS THE "MIGHTY SPARROW" PERFORM FREQUENTLY IN THE U.S.

6. WE WILL PREPARE A LIST OF POTENTIAL INVITEES FROM AMONG THE ATHLETES, CALYPSONIANS, STEEL BANDS AND OTHER PERFORMING GROUPS WHO COULD BE INVITED. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT TRANSPORTATION COSTS, ESPECIALLY WHERE GROUPS ARE CONCERNED, MAY PRESENT SOME PROBLEMS.
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7. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT OR INTEREST IN AMERICAN FOOTBALL IN TRINIDAD, SOME INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS HERE IN THE CATEGORIES GIVEN IN THE REFTEL MAY FIND PARTICIPATING IN THE SUPER BOWL FESTIVITIES USEFUL, AND WE WOULD CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE SUCH PARTICIPATION TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS CAN BE OVERCOME.
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